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**Kidman's hubby pens her love song**



## Locals fight to 'Save the CBC'

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**PETITION** A war cry to 'Save the CBC' has prompted some Calgarians to sign a national online petition and join Facebook groups supporting the embattled public broadcaster.

The federal government rejected CBC's pleas for financial help, which propelled the national broadcaster to cut 800 jobs and various television and radio programming last week.

Across the country "Save the CBC" has almost 1,500 Facebook members and more than 57,000 signatures for an online petition to show support, including Calgarian Barb Cooke Meredith.

"CBC is like the nursery rhymes we never forget — they are part of our Canadian psyche," she said of her support for the broadcaster.

"From my perspective of 70-some years, I see it as a 'constant' of Canadian life."

While support is growing by the hour, locally and nationally, University of Calgary media expert Rebecca Sullivan, co-author of Canadian Television Today, believes the petition won't make much of a difference.

"I agree with (heritage minister) James Moore that the model of television broadcasting is broken and cannot be fixed with a Band-Aid solution," Sullivan said, adding the CBC model was doomed from the start.

"I believe we should have a strong national public broadcast system in Canada. I just don't believe we have that now," she added.

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## Flames Corralled



The Flames Jarome Iginla tries to fend off the San Jose Sharks defenceman Douglas Murray in front of the net during the first period of the game in NHL action at the Pengrowth Saddledome last night. The Sharks had the Flames corralled through the whole game, and doused the home team 2-1. Coverage, pg 9

## Station sticks to policy of 'no Nickelback'

**MUSIC** Calgary's X.92.9 FM is standing strong in its "no Nickelback guarantee" despite the band's Juno success Sunday night in picking up three awards.

X.92.9 FM program director Christian Hall said the radio station had the guarantee in place since its inception almost three years ago with no plans to change.

"It doesn't matter if Nickelback wins 40 Junos and 50 Grammys, we made a promise to our listeners and we have no intentions of breaking it," he said.

Hall said the radio station started the slogan to illustrate what kind of "radio station we are not."

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Nickelback's Chad Kroeger

# Parking price war?

Downtown commuters could be the ultimate winners

SHAWN LOGAN  
 for Metro Calgary

**The first sortie in what could be a downtown parking price war could see commuters finally catching a break, the head of the city's parking authority says.**

Dale Fraser, general manager of the Calgary Parking Authority, said a recent move by Impark to drastically slash prices at a pair of 9 Ave. S.W. lots on the periphery of the core is still isolated, but if the trend grows, it could see motorists score some savings.

"Right now it's very isolated but we will monitor it and if there are changes in the overall marketplace, we would be looking to reduce our parking rates," he said. "(Impark) is really taking

**"Right now it's very isolated but we will monitor it and if there are changes in the overall marketplace, we would be looking to reduce our parking rates."**

Calgary Parking Authority's Dale Fraser

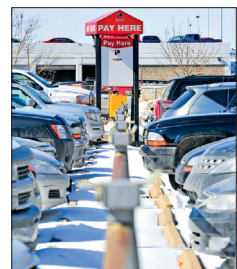
some unusual steps to fill these lots."

The Vancouver-based company, which did not return a call for comment yesterday, is Calgary's largest private parking operator and has made major cuts to its hourly and early bird rates at the two lots on the west end of downtown.

The CPA sets its prices based on the average set by private operators but doesn't lead the way nor undercut competitors, Fraser said.

Last November council approved hourly increases

at both parking meters and public parkades in response to soaring industry



The cost to park is dropping at some Beltline lots.

costs, but Fraser said those could go the other way if that's what the market dictates.

Rory Woolf, general manager of the Calgary branch of Vinci Park, the second largest private operator has been lowering its prices at Beltline and west Calgary lots since October but has no interest in getting into a pricing battle.

"Our revenues are down but we're not at the point where we're going to get into a price war," he said.

"We've done our rates according to what makes market sense and we're not going to panic because we've got a bit of space open."

Vinci has lowered its rates by as much as 25 per cent at eight of its 50 lots, primarily in the Beltline and downtown west side.

## Entertainment pg 12



Reynolds stays down-to-earth

## Health pg 11

Vogels looks at porn and youth

## Your Money pg 8



Dollar stretch on groceries



A man was sent to hospital yesterday morning after crashing into a building in the city's southeast. The 48-year-old male side swiped a building in the 2900 block of Radcliffe Dr. SE just after 7 a.m. Police are investigating. **METRO CALGARY**

# Local



## Province approves flood assistance

The Alberta government has approved a Disaster Recovery Program for the City of Calgary for flooding in the Sunnyside area March 3. Residents who sustained damage may be eligible for compensation and can register their claim at the Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Centre April 3 from 4 to 10 p.m. and April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Calgary Emergency Management at 403-268-8770. **METRO CALGARY**

## Cop attacker gets longer sentence

**CRIME** The Alberta Court of Appeal has lengthened a sentence for a Calgary man who only received one day in jail.

Police were called to a home in April 2008 to reports of domestic abuse and 42-year-old Roberto Ponticorvo began to wave a knife at officers before being shot in the leg.

The Court of Appeal agreed with the Crown that the sentence did not fit the crime. Ponticorvo has now received one year in jail for the assault and an additional 30 months for attacking the officer.



## Talks breakdown at Old Dutch plant

**STRIKE** A local potato chip plant may have bit off more than it can chew after it locked out dozens of workers, says the union boss.

Doug O'Halloran, president of UFCW Local 401, said 170 workers locked out of the city's Old Dutch plant after talks broke down are ready to fight if the labour battle comes to a crunch.

"We will not go quietly," he said. "Old Dutch has severely underestimated the workers' resolve."

O'Halloran said the main sticking point is the company's refusal to make union dues mandatory.

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# Addiction the root cause?

## Toddler found near casino raises questions on gambling

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The man charged with leaving his toddler in a car while he gambled for several hours in a Calgary casino, may appear on the surface to be an irresponsible parent, an addiction expert said.

But an underlying issue could be related to a deeper addiction, University of Calgary addictions expert Dr. David Hodgins said yesterday after police charged a 50-year-old man with child abandonment.

"It's inevitable; the offer of gambling to the public will bear some consequences, and unfortunately there are consequences," Hodgins said, adding he couldn't comment directly on this case.

Although it's a broad range from scratch tickets to casinos, Hodgins estimates about 70 to 80 per cent of Albertans gamble



Emergency crews were called to the Silver Dollar Casino just after midnight yesterday morning, after receiving a call from a patron who heard a child crying in a car parked in the lot.

in various forms.

"People can get caught up in a cycle of 'chasing their losses,' maybe they lose track of time and the other responsibilities," he added.

Just before midnight on Sunday, a Silver Dollar Casino patron heard a baby crying from a car in the parking lot. The windows had been covered with blankets and after fire

crews entered the vehicle, the 21-month-old was taken to hospital.

Police believe the baby had been left in the car for up to six hours and "was cold to the touch."

# College trying to deliver midwife degree

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**SCHOOL** Midwife groups and expectant parents are applauding a proposed midwifery degree program at Mount Royal College.

The Alberta Association of Midwives and the college are working together to create a program degree for as early as 2010, midwife Meryl Moulton said yesterday.

"It would be an incredible

## By the numbers

• There are currently only 33 midwives in Alberta. In 2008, there were 650 midwife births

performed in the Calgary region alone, according to Alberta Association of Midwives.

bonus for the entire province and a way to offer a homegrown program to women," Moulton said. "We're very excited."

Moulton said a major issue is the fact there are only midwife programs in B.C. and Ontario, so

women move away to complete the programs.

But another benefit would be to shorten the already lengthy waiting lists for midwives, MRC's dean of faculty of health and community studies Brenda Hendrickson said.

"It would certainly help offer more women who want to have midwives the opportunity to. It's very important," she added.

First-time expecting mother Andrea Cronk, 31, said the program would help people like her.

"We haven't been able to find a midwife and we're on a waiting list. I just really hope we get one in time," Cronk said.

"I think this program would be a really great initiative."

## Developers need to chip in: Mayor

**SHAWN LOGAN**  
for Metro Calgary

**INFRASTRUCTURE** Even with Calgary's growth slowing, the city and developers need to find a way to share infrastructure costs, says Mayor Dave Bronconnier.

Following a lengthy closed-door meeting with developers and homebuilders yesterday, Bronconnier said a subcommittee will be formed to help hammer out a new deal to pay for fire halls, buses and rec centres in new communities.

"There's no doubt Calgary's going to continue to grow and as long as we're still growing we need to build infrastructure," the mayor said. "Right now they're not paying the full cost and we need to figure who pays."

The talks come as an existing infrastructure financing agreement with developers is set to expire next year.

Developers and city representatives outline their differences at [metronews.ca/local](http://metronews.ca/local)

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**Video** Homeowners should explore all options before considering foreclosure at [metronews.ca/local>YourMoney](http://metronews.ca/local>YourMoney) Alan Small on the hazards of easy access to investment advice at [metronews.ca/investing](http://metronews.ca/investing)



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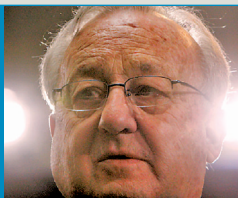
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**Cardiovascular disease deaths declining: StatsCan**

The number of deaths in Canada caused by major cardiovascular disease has been declining just as the number of deaths caused by cancer has been increasing, according to Statistics Canada, and the change is being felt most dramatically among men. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Canada



## Schreiber probe underway

Lobbyists aggressively pushing to build an armoured vehicle factory in Cape Breton claimed high-profile political backing for the project, including the support of then prime minister Brian Mulroney, an inquiry has heard. A long-awaited probe of the dealings between Mulroney and arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber, left, got underway yesterday looking at the proposal that members of Mulroney's cabinet were pushing hard to get built. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Spy program easy to use: Cyber sleuth

**ONLINE** A link to the code for Ghost Rat, the Trojan horse that Chinese operatives used to hack into some of the most sensitive computer networks on Earth, pops up fourth on a Google search.

"Hope you guys like this," writes the poster, Evilxaoose. "Very nice Chinese rat program by C. Rufus Security team."

C. Rufus is a loosely agglomerated group of provocateurs who likely created Ghost Rat for kicks. Then they made it available to anyone on the Internet, including cyber-spies and high-tech gangs who can use it to take over active control of your PC.

Once the Ghost Rat is fully operational — and you probably won't even notice that it is — it can pull data off your system, turn on and operate your camera or record audio.

"It's a nice piece of software — easy interface, easy to use," says Nart Villeneuve, the boyish 34-year-old who helped identify a Chinese-based spy ring using Ghost Rat to target foreign governments.

So easy that anybody with a smidgen of technical know-how can use it against high-level opponents. Or your home computer.

"You can do it yourself," Villeneuve said yesterday.

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# From hitched to ditched

**A Brampton, Ont., man is attempting to launch a class-action lawsuit against the federal government for failing to investigate and deport foreigners who allegedly trick Canadians into marriages of convenience.**

It is unknown how many cases there are nationally, but Immigration Canada's branch office in Mississauga has about 600 files on immigration fraud cases and a lack of staff has created a major investigative backlog.

Saranjeet Benet, a 37-

year-old electrician, and his father, Sampuran Benet, founded Canadians Against Immigration Fraud and are asking the Federal Court of Canada for permission to pursue a class-action lawsuit on behalf of Canadian sponsors who married foreigners in good faith but were jilted and end up with emotional scars and financial losses.

"We are not asking for money," said Sampuran Benet, whose Toronto-based non-profit organization boasts 100 members across Canada.

"We just want the government to investigate, take action and deport those who defraud Canadians into a marriage in order to immigrate to Canada."

Saranjeet Benet came to Canada as an infant but returned to India in search of a bride. He and Opinder Kaur Saini were married in Punjab in November 2003. Three years later, she arrived as a permanent resident through the spousal sponsorship program, but left him a month later, on Jan. 15, 2007. Saini moved

in with her parents and sister in Brampton.

Benet claims in court records filed in November in the immigration fraud lawsuit that Saini had no interest in consummating the marriage.

Saini, however, says he abused her upon her arrival in Canada in documents filed in response to annulment proceedings. Benet began in the Superior Court of Justice. Saini declined to comment on fraud allegations. The annulment is still before the court. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Two-tier buses rolling into Ottawa

**TRANSIT** The view from atop Ottawa's OC Transpo's double-decker buses — rolled out for the first time yesterday — was good enough for Mayor Larry O'Brien to get out his camera and take some shots during a ride from Blair Station to MacKenzie King bridge downtown.

"This is a way of increasing the capacity of our bus system and I think it's a very, very good move," O'Brien said.

"If they work out we'll certainly be getting more."

The three red-and-white double-deckers will be tested on Route 94 and gradually used on nine other express routes over the next year. **METRO OTTAWA**

# Residents brace for rising of Red River

**FLOOD** While the Red River slowly swells northward from North Dakota, Amanda Parker sits on her leather living room couch and waits.

A brick dike curls around the two-storey home she shares with her common-law husband, Brian Gomes, in this rural municipality of St. Andrews, Man., just 20 kilometres north of Winnipeg. The dike was built after the great flood of 1997, long before they lived here.

On top of it, hugging the house up to the road, are thousands of tight-packed sandbags. Just beyond the dike, the Red River, still frozen, sleeps.

Roughly 30 homes in the area have already experi-



Robert McCarthy, left, gets help building a dike around his home in Breezy Point, Man., on the shore of the Red River, by volunteers. The appeal for more volunteers to fight floods grows more urgent as the province expects warmer weather.

enced flooding due to ice jams or overland flooding over the past week. Last

Wednesday, Parker and Gomes received a letter warning them they could

be at risk, and by Saturday dozens of volunteers shipped out from the St. Andrews fire hall were building up the dike.

"If everybody was wearing green, you really would have thought the army was here, I'm telling you," Parker says.

Floods are a fact of life along the Red River. To the south, Fargo, N.D., has already been marooned, and faced fresh misery yesterday when it was hit with a blizzard that could drop 30 centimetres of snow by the time it ends today.

Engineers scrambled to shore up the patchwork levee system that has so far shielded much of Fargo but the fear is the dikes will not hold.

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## News in brief

**FINDINGS** British Minister of Parliament George Galloway will not be allowed to enter Canada after a federal judge upheld a government ban that denied him entry because of his alleged support of Palestinian militant group Hamas, but Galloway was scheduled to speak to Canadian audiences via a live video link from New York City last night, CBC News Online reported.

**SPORTS** A climate change specialist with the David Suzuki Foundation cautions that rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide could threaten the future of winter sports in Canada, Metro Canada reports.

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Google yesterday launched free downloads of licensed songs in China, while sharing advertising revenue with major music labels in a market rife with online piracy. **REUTERS**

# World



## Sneak peek at new shuttle

NASA gave citizens of Washington a peek at a full-size mock-up of the spacecraft designed to carry U.S. astronauts back to the moon and then on to Mars one day. The U.S. Navy-built Orion crew exploration vehicle will replace the space shuttle NASA plans to retire in 2010, and become the cornerstone of the agency's Constellation Program to explore the moon, Mars and beyond. **REUTERS**

## Obama takes tough stance

**Some frustrated U.S. taxpayers cheered President Barack Obama's tough steps to shore up the reeling auto industry yesterday, but critics called his decision to fire General Motors' chief a heavy-handed power grab.**

Obama forced out General Motors chief executive Rick Wagoner, pushed Chrysler toward a merger with Italy's Fiat, and threatened bankruptcy for both, marking an escalation in Washington's involvement in rescuing the faltering economy.

Skeptics asked if it was an early sign of a more activist administration, or just an isolated example. GM shares tumbled 30 per

cent on the news and the Dow Jones Industrial average sank nearly four per cent.

Experts called it potentially the most significant presidential intervention in the private sector since Harry Truman tried to seize the steel industry during the Korean War in 1952, only to be rebuffed by the Supreme Court.

As a candidate last year, Obama supported rescuing the financial sector, and since then he has shifted to attacking the bonuses and corporate jets for companies taking taxpayer money to pushing out a CEO and replacing members of the board of directors. **REUTERS**

## Iraq Patrolling the streets



An Iraqi soldier passes a woman in a military operation in Baghdad yesterday. Iraqi security forces swept through Baghdad on Sunday and detained several people after Sunni patrolmen angry at their leader's arrest clashed with police and troops. **REUTERS**

## Taliban suspected in police complex attack

**PAKISTAN** Pakistani commandos stormed a police academy early yesterday, overwhelming suspected Taliban fighters who killed eight cadets and wounded scores in a rampage.

Interior Ministry Secretary Kamal Shah said four attackers were killed and three wounded, while 89 policemen were injured.

Interior Ministry chief

Rehman Malik said the militants were believed to be fighters loyal to Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud.

An officer said eight recruits were killed. Three of the militants blew themselves up during the final assault and commandos rescued 10 officers held hostage inside the main building. **REUTERS**

## Online fraud up 33 per cent

**TECHNOLOGY** Fraud on the Internet reported to U.S. authorities increased by 33 per cent last year, rising for the first time in three years, and is surging this year as the recession deepens, officials said yesterday.

Internet fraud losses re-

ported in the U.S. reached a record \$264.6 million US in 2008, according to a report released yesterday.

Online scams from across the globe are gathering steam, with a nearly 50 per cent rise in complaints in March. **REUTERS**

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**Worst song of all time re-released**

Agadoo by Black Lace, voted the worst song of all time by a panel of experts, has been re-released to mark its 25th anniversary. **REUTERS**

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# White House won't say 'war on terror'

Phrase used by Bush dropped by Obama

**U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday that the Obama administration had dropped "war on terror" from its lexicon, rhetoric former President George W. Bush used to justify many of his actions.**

"The (Obama) administration has stopped using the phrase and I think that speaks for itself. Obviously," Clinton told reporters travelling with her to The Hague for a conference on Afghanistan, which Bush called part of his "global war on terror."

The term "war on terror"

was coined after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks against the United States, which were planned in Afghanistan by the militant group al-Qaida.

The phrase was strongly criticized by human rights groups who said it was used to justify many actions, such as the opening of the Guantanamo Bay prison for detainees held without trial at the U.S. naval base in Cuba.

Internationally, the phrase was seen by critics as a "with-us-or-against-us" philosophy, overly dependent on military force and

what many Muslims decried as an attack on Islam.

Since taking office on Jan. 20, Obama has moved swiftly to reverse some of Bush's practices, ordering the closure of Guantanamo within a year and an end to harsh interrogation of terrorism suspects.

"I have not heard it used. I have not gotten any directive about using it or not using it. It is just not being used," said Clinton when asked whether the term had been officially dropped by the Obama administration.

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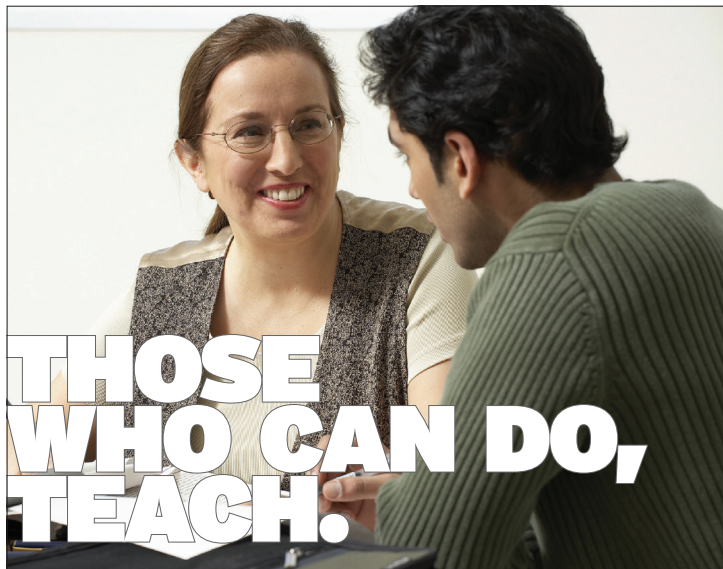
## News in brief

**LIBYA** At least 21 migrants died and hundreds more were missing after two boats to Italy sank off Libya in separate incidents, Libyan officials said yesterday. At least 23 people were rescued by coast guard ships.

**AIRLINES** Airlines will sell fewer seats this spring as a result of the economic malaise causing would-be passengers to stay at home, the International Air Transport Association said.

**NORTH KOREA** North Korea said this morning that it would put on trial for "hostile acts" two U.S. journalists arrested earlier this month on its border with China.

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

### Tories need lifeline, too

#### NationalReport



At the same time as the news arrived yesterday saying the Canadian and Ontario governments would give auto companies up to \$4 billion in loans, a large-sample public opinion poll was released by Leger Marketing.

It showed that 69 per cent of Canadians oppose big-time assistance for the auto sector. In Ontario, where the economy is so reliant on that sector, 60 per cent oppose such aid, while only 17 per cent approve.

The business of governance is tough — and getting tougher. What was Prime Minister Stephen Harper to do? Let the companies go un-

der? There are plenty of preconditions that go with the auto lifeline — conditions that haven't yet been met. The Conservatives said they were in accord with the tough measures being taken by President Obama who has fired the head of General Motors and who will make assistance dependent upon deep restructuring. That perception might do some good for the Tories who are starting to look like they need a lifeline as well.

The same Leger poll came with depressing news for the party. It showed that Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is favoured over

Harper as the best leader to manage the economy. He gets the nod from 41 per cent of Canadians, compared to 32 per cent for the prime minister. This even though Harper has an economic background while Ignatieff does not. This even though the Conservatives brought in a big stimulus budget supported by the Liberals.

There's a typical political trend in evidence here. When the economy goes south, the party in power tends to get the blame, no matter what it does.

The pollster, Jean-Marc Leger, said there is now a strong tide favouring the Liberals which will be hard for the Conservatives to overcome. This will renew speculation that Harper will not be sticking around long enough to fight the next election. He's had

three electoral kicks at the can. If he couldn't win a majority against the weakening Dion before the recession set in, how could he possibly do so in the middle of an economic plunge against a more formidable Liberal chief?

The problem for the Conservatives is that they do not have an outstanding leadership candidate in waiting. Jim Prentice, Peter MacKay and Jason Kenney are names who are mentioned, but none has a big wave of support within the party. Quebec Premier Jean Charest, a leader of the Conservatives in the 1990s, has won three straight elections in Quebec and may soon be looking for a new challenge. But he is a stranger to Ottawa now. It is unlikely, even if he was interested, that he would get the call.

That leaves Stephen Harper.

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## Views

### Police have no right to delete your videos



Adam Smolcic alleges that on March 20, he used his cellphone to record two Vancouver police officers while they shot and killed Michael Hubbard, a homeless man.

The officers involved in the shooting were investigating a vehicle break-in that had taken place five blocks away in downtown Vancouver. Hubbard had the misfortune of owning a black bag, and a black bag had been taken from the car. In the worst imaginable case of mistaken identity, Hubbard was shot and killed, and Smolcic says he captured the whole incident on his cellphone.

Shortly after the shooting took place, while he was still recording, Smolcic alleges that a third officer responding to the scene took his phone from him, deleted the video and told him to "get lost."

Beyond the obvious concerns about police allegedly destroying evidence, telling an eye witness to "get lost," and shooting a homeless man, some readers may wonder what rights Smolcic had with his video, and in what situations the police could seize his phone.

Citizens in Canada have a nearly absolute right to refuse to turn over their recordings to police, but there are three clear exceptions to this rule.

First, if Smolcic himself had committed a crime, when the police were searching him incidental to

#### "Citizens in Canada have a nearly absolute right to refuse to turn over their recordings."

his arrest, they could take his phone. This is called the "search incidental to arrest" exception.

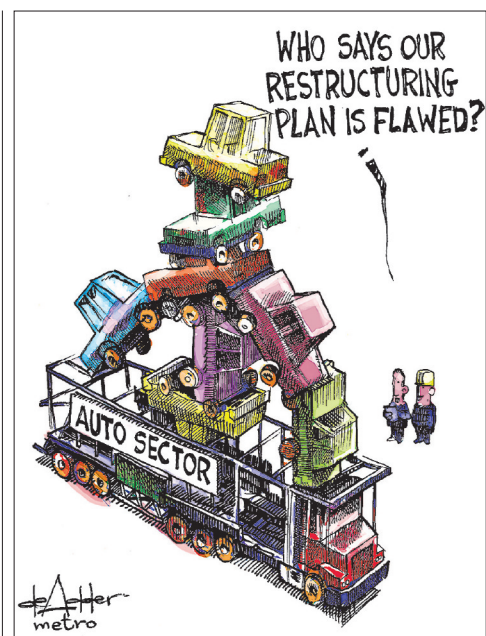
The second way the police could have taken Smolcic's phone was if they had obtained a warrant from a judge to seize the phone, most commonly called a search warrant.

Finally, the police could take Smolcic's phone if Smolcic gave them permission, which is exactly what happened on March 20. Smolcic says the last thing he ever expected was that the police officer would erase his video, and he handed over the phone to be helpful to their investigation.

As for the officer who allegedly erased the video, if Smolcic's allegations are true, he could face criminal charges in the form of mischief, theft, or obstruction of a peace officer.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is working with Smolcic to recover the deleted video with the help of data recovery experts in Vancouver and the United States. In the meantime, citizen journalists should know their rights to avoid ending up in this kind of situation.

David Eby is the acting Executive Director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association and an adjunct professor of law at the University of British Columbia.



## Worth mentioning

### NASA's Colbert conundrum

**SPACE STATION** NASA's outreach to the public to drum up interest in the International Space Station started innocently, with an online contest to name the station's new living quarters. But Stephen Colbert, a comedian who poses as an ultra right-wing news commentator on cable television's Comedy Central, nosed into the act with a grass-roots appeal that has backed the staid U.S. space agency into a corner.

Colbert's supporters cast 230,539 write-in votes to name the new module at the \$100-billion space outpost. The top NASA-suggested name, Serenity, finished more than 40,000 votes behind.

Contest rules stipulate that the agency retains the right to basically do whatever it wants, but it may not be that easy.

Last week, U.S. Representative Chaka Fattah, a Pennsylvania Democrat, called on NASA to do the democratic thing and use the name that drew the most votes.

"NASA decided to hold an election to name its new room at the International Space Station and the clear winner is Stephen Colbert," Fattah said in a statement. "The people have spoken, and Stephen Colbert won it fair and square — even if his campaign was a bit over the top."

NASA is taking some time to ponder its next move.

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**Microsoft and TomTom settle patent dispute**

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# Business

EDITOR: FERMIN.DESOUZA@METRONEWS.CA



## Visa chief opposes regulation

**INDUSTRY** The head of Visa Canada chose a business audience in Toronto yesterday to test the sales pitch he plans to deliver next month in Ottawa: Don't regulate the debit and credit card industry.

While acknowledging that growing complaints about the industry has led to a Competition Bureau investigation and Senate hearings calling for caps on fees and rates, Tim Wilson said more government involvement would stifle innovation and choice.

As an example, he cited Visa's plans to enter Canada's debit market as early as this fall with its own branded product in competition with the Interac system.

Although Visa debit cards would cost a bit more to process than Interac cards, Wilson said they would also offer more benefits, including increased security and lower payment risk.

But the Retail Council of Canada has said such cards could cost two or three times as much to handle, raising the average fee from six cents per transaction to between 12 and 17 cents.

"His idea of competition is higher prices, not lower prices," said Diane Brisebois, the council's president and chief executive.

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## CAW standing firm

GM, Chrysler told to fix restructuring plans

**Ottawa and the province have told teetering General Motors and Chrysler to fix their restructuring plans to qualify for billions of dollars in aid but the Canadian Auto Workers says it won't offer any more help.**

Despite government calls for more cuts, CAW president Ken Lewenza said yesterday his negotiators won't bargain any additional concessions for the two companies because workers are now competitive with rivals in the U.S.

Chrysler also wants more concessions than GM, and Lewenza said that won't happen either.

His remarks came after the federal and Ontario governments rejected restructuring plans from the

### In the U.S.

• Earlier yesterday, U.S. President Barack Obama gave GM 60 days to submit a better plan. He also said Chrysler must negotiate a merger with Italian car giant Fiat or another partner within 30 days or it won't get any further aid.

two companies that would help them secure more than \$9 billion in loans.

The governments told the companies to rework their plans, including more realistic estimates of future annual sales and market share. At the same time, the governments offered \$3 billion to GM and \$1 billion to Chrysler in in-

terim bridge loans.

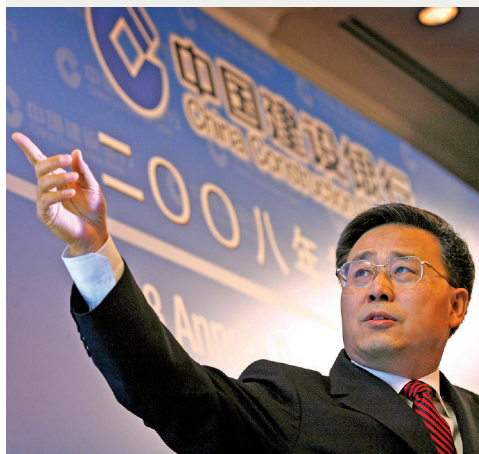
The impasse between the union and automakers could become a big stumbling block to the companies getting more aid, though Lewenza noted active labour costs represent only seven per cent of production expenses.

The governments want the companies to address their huge post-retirement obligations, or so-called "legacy" costs, but Lewenza stressed the union could not alter those commitments because of pension legislation.

Lewenza said the union would discuss some form of an independent trust fund, which could offload medical expenses and cap corporate costs.

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## China Lending expectations



China Construction Bank chairman Guo Shuqing speaks during a news conference in Hong Kong yesterday. China Construction Bank, the country's second-largest bank by assets, expects its new lending this year to grow 10 to 12 per cent without causing a significant rise in bad loans.

### In brief

**REFORM** This week's G20 meeting in London should take an approach to financial regulation reform that looks at the system as a whole and the interaction between banks and markets, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said yesterday.

**AVIATION** Bombardier Inc. said yesterday it has received an order worth about \$1.44 billion US for 20 of its CSeries jetliners from Lease Corporation International Ltd., with an option for it to purchase another 20.

**REUTERS**

**AUTOS** British Columbia and Alberta are on track to post huge drops in car sales for the first two months of 2009, with Canada expected to see auto purchases fall by 16 per cent for the entire year, according to a new report released yesterday by Scotiabank Economics.

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Use the sales flyers and coupons together. Many people think you can't use a coupon on sale items, but you usually can.

the sites for the stores you frequent; most large chains now have websites that include coupons and details on other weekly deals.

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will sometimes display coupons and they tend to be more generous; so if you know you always buy a certain brand of canned soup, log on and see if the compa-

**"Offering rebates in the store or online is popular because it encourages customers to pick that product for the deal. But between 30-50 per cent of people don't bother to follow through and get the rebate."**

ny is offering any discounts.

- Join mailing lists of the companies and stores you frequent. Many sites allow you to print off the coupons to take to the store right away, but others will send you the coupons you choose through the mail. If you prefer clipping coupons, then Sunday is the best day to find them.
- Before heading to the store, also take a quick look in your cupboards and fridge for any coupons on product packaging.

## Maximizing Savings:

- Use the sales flyers and coupons together. Many people mistakenly think you can't use a coupon on sale items, but you usually can. One survey showed that combining these two savings methods meant an

average savings of almost \$700 a year on groceries alone.

## At the Store:

- When you first get to your grocery store, look near the check-out for any coupon books or flyers.
- Consider signing up for the store's loyalty card so you can receive their automatic discounts. They will also alert you to extra deals. Also, if there is a store you regularly shop at, then get to know the salespeople or grocers as these are the people who are in the know as to when sales occur.

## Rebates:

- Rebates can be a great way to save on everything from drugstore items to electronics. Offering re-

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Allan Small

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**Q Last May 2008, I registered a small business. It is a unique concept from Europe and the first in Canada. I managed to sell tens of thousands of inventory from September to December. Can I choose a 2009 year-end or must I file by April 30 this year? Does the sale of stocks change my filing date?**

— Jamie

**A** With all the carnage in the stock markets, many investors have moved on the sidelines to wait out the market.

Stock gains/losses will not change your tax-filing deadline. Individuals with investments outside registered plans should request a stock transactions summary from their investment broker. Stock sales are the responsibility of the taxpayer to report and may not be indicated on

other tax receipts.

As the April 30 deadline draws closer, the majority of the more than 16 million Canadians are frantically sorting tax receipts and holding their heads. It is important for individuals and businesses to have a good record keeping system. It can be as simple as a file folder for the year's receipts.

For most Canadians that are employees, the tax-filing deadline is April 30. Taxes owing must be paid on or before this date or the taxpayer will be subject to interest penalties. Individuals that expect a refund will not be fined interest penalties, so don't panic.

A non-incorporated business (per back up documents) filing deadline is June 15 and cannot choose a non-calendar year-end, unlike an incorporated entity. However, taxes owing must be paid by April 30. A spouse of a self-employed individual may also file together in June.

You should seek a professional for alternatives to your situation.

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**Moats accepts officer's apology**

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# Sports

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## Nestor tops in tennis again

Tennis Canada announced its 2008 Excellence Award winners yesterday, and veteran doubles player Daniel Nestor was named top player for the sixth time, and top doubles player for the seventh straight year. Aleksandra Wozniak was named top female player, top singles player and most improved. Frank Dancevic was named Canada's top male singles player. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Colangelo gives Triano a vote of confidence

**BASKETBALL** Bryan Colangelo always thought Jay Triano was a talented NBA coach — he wouldn't have given him the interim job with the Toronto Raptors if he didn't — and the team's recent run of success hasn't done anything to change that opinion either way.

Four straight wins won't totally alleviate the bitter feelings of a disappointing season, but they have showed flashes of what might have been.

And what might still be, if Colangelo decides to keep Triano on as the head coach after this season.

Reiterating that he wouldn't speak specifically about the Canadian Triano's longer-term prospects until the end of the regular season, the team's president and general manager

er has not wavered from his support.

"The message is the right message; the method of communicating is the right method," Colangelo said yesterday. "I've been high on him the entire time."

It will be sooner, rather than later after the end of the regular season that Colangelo acts on the coaching situation. While there will be a slow time while the first couple of rounds of the playoffs unfold, Colangelo wants to have a full staff in place well before the run-up to the June 28 draft.

Triano is 20-36 as a head coach since taking over from the fired Sam Mitchell on Dec. 3 but Colangelo continues to point to other factors than simply the won-loss record. Injuries to key players, a significant trade and the upheaval that goes with a losing season have all contributed.

"Jay's done a solid job; he was given a bad set of circumstances," the general manager said. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



### Sports in brief

**NHL** The Edmonton Oilers placed defenceman Ladislav Smid on injured reserve yesterday. Smid fractured his left hand in the second period of Edmonton's 3-2 loss to Minnesota on Sunday. The native of the Czech Republic posted 11 assists in 60 games for the Oilers this season. This is the second trip to the injury list for the backliner this season. Smid was placed on IR because of a concussion in early November after winding up on the

wrong end of a hit during a Nov. 5 game at Columbus. To fill the roster spot, the Oilers recalled defenceman Taylor Chorney from the AHL.

**NHL** St. Louis Blues goaltender Chris Mason was selected as the NHL's top star for the period ending March 29. Joining Mason for the league honours this week were Vancouver left wing Daniel Sedin and Carolina netminder Cam Ward.

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# Flames fall to Sharks

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**THE SKINNY:** After beating the Sharks twice in January, the Flames failed to make it three in a row over their Western Conference foes thanks to a 28-save performance by Evgeni Nabokov.

**THE BIG SAVES:** While falling to the ice, Nabokov somehow managed to get a glove on a shot from in close by Michael Cammalleri during



Calgary Flames forward Jamie Lundmark tries to shoot on San Jose Sharks goaltender Evgeni Nabokov last night.

a third-period power play for the Flames. A short time later, Kiprusoff reached behind him to stop a shot by Cheechoo

with the blade of his stick.

**THE QUOTE:** "I tried to wait him out," Cammalleri said in

regards to his missed opportunity against Nabokov. "He made a good play to get his glove back there. Hindsight's 20-20. Instead of jamming it, I should have just flicked it quicker. That one didn't go in. I'll get him again."

**THE LONE GOAL:** Jarome Iginla scored his 32nd of the season for the Flames at 15:09 of the opening period to end a six-game goalless drought. The Calgary captain has just three assists to go with that goal in his past seven contests.

**THE NEXT GAME:** The Flames now head out for a pair of back-to-back road games starting Thursday night (6:30 p.m., Flames Pay-Per-View, Fan 960) in Dallas against the Stars.

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Canadian lefthander Rich Harden returned to the mound for the first time since March 15 and gave up three homers and five runs in the Chicago Cubs' 8-8, 10-inning tie with the Kansas City Royals in Cactus League action yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Rating the 2010 medal hopefuls

For next year's Olympians, it'll be all about the 'Opod' in Vancouver

## It's all going to come down to Opod at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games.

A key catchphrase among Canadian teams getting ready for next February has been "performance on demand," p.o.d. for short, that special ability to deliver when the pressure is greatest.

Next winter what's going to matter is "Olympic performance on demand," or Opod.

Canada has fared well against their top competi-

tors in that regard this season with 26 total medals (six gold, seven silver, 13 bronze) in Olympic disciplines, with the men's and women's world hockey championships and men's world curling still to come.

Germany leads the way with 27 medals (9-15-3) followed by the U.S., also with 26 (12-4-10).

Here's a look at some of Canada's most successful sports this season:

### Alpine skiing

The men's team came

through when it counted this season, at the world championships, with a gold in the downhill from John Kucera and a bronze in slalom from Michael Janyk. However, they still don't have that star performer who's a strong threat to win in every race. The Canadian women must rebound from a dreadful season, particularly Whistler's Britt Janyk.

**Opod projection:** Decent. Matching the two medals at the worlds would be great. The three

## VANCOUVER 2010 Games

to four projected by Alpine Canada for the Olympics seems unrealistic.

### Long-track speedskating

This is a team that was without stars Cindy Klassen and Jeremy Wotherspoon at the recent worlds at the Richmond Olympic Oval, yet still matched the powerhouse Dutch in medals with eight. They've got steely

competitors — Kristina Groves, Clara Hughes, Christine Nesbitt, Denny Morrison — which is important under the Olympic glare.

**Opod projection:** Excellent. There's a good chance they could surpass the eight medals won at this year's world, maybe even hit 10 or 11.

### Bobsled, skeleton, luge

The bright side is that they came away with three medals at the World Cup on the challenging Olympic track in Whistler (Jon Montgomery gold in men's skeleton, Jeff Pain bronze in men's skeleton, Pierre Lueders bronze in two-man bobsled).

Alex Gough made a big breakthrough in luge with a fourth-place finish in the women's event at the worlds. Olympic bronze medalist Mellisa Hollingsworth remains a threat in women's skeleton.

**Opod projection:** It's good, but could be in danger of dropping to slim.

Canadian officials are worried about this season's slide in performance.

### Freestyle skiing

Canada's got a star-studded lineup here, led by Olympic moguls champ Jenn Heil, her training partner Alexandre Bilodeau, winner of the Crystal Globe as the men's overall moguls champ, and aerialist Steve Omisch.

**Opod projection:** Excellent. But gold will still be hard to get.

### Snowboarding

The grand old man of snowboarding, Jasey-Jay Anderson, is coming off perhaps his best season with a gold in parallel giant slalom at the worlds and victories in his last two World Cup races. Matt Morison of Burlington, Ont., is right on his tail, having won bronze at the worlds.

**Opod projection:** Good. Anderson and Morison provide a potent one-two punch.



Mellisa Hollingsworth

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## Internet pornography exposed

### The J Spot

**Josey Vogels**

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According to statistics, most kids have viewed explicit online material by age 11. But because it's not exactly scientifically ethical to plunk kids down, make them watch hours of porn and ask them what they think, it's difficult to study the effect viewing this stuff is having on them.

Which is why I was excited when *Pornademic* — a CBC documentary that delves into the business of internet pornography — introduced Edmonton's Sonya Thompson. Thompson's graduate work focused on researching the effects of pornography on young people. Finally, I thought, some answers.

Thompson got as far as finding out that by age 13-14, 75 per cent of kids had seen porn online. After that, her funding dried up.



A Swedish study interviewed youth about their experiences and perceptions of porn and found that boys watch it more than girls and that girls watch it more as they get older.

Seems that while we assume that viewing all this sexual imagery will automatically turn today's kids into a bunch of porn-addicted, sexually depraved, emotionally stilted adults, no one wanted to pay for the research to prove it.

The Swedes have gone there. They interviewed youth aged 14 to 20 about their experiences and perceptions of porn and found that boys watch it more than girls do; girls watch it more as they get older and generally with someone they are involved with. Not

much new there.

A 2008 University of Amsterdam study found teens that watched more Internet porn had a more open attitude to casual hookups, one-night stands and a "recreational" view of sex. The researchers warned, however, that one did not lead to the other. That teens who are already more interested in finding sexual content on the Internet.

Earlier this year, The Internet Safety Technical Task Force, created by 49 US

state attorneys general and a bunch of Internet-savvy folk, said in their final report that while "unwanted exposure to pornography does occur, those most likely to be exposed are those seeking it out."

They reported that kids' family dynamics and psychological make-up "are better predictors of risk than the use of specific media or technologies."

As Alex McKay, research co-ordinator for the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada and one of Canada's leading experts on adolescent sexuality said in an interview on the topic for *parentcentral.ca*: "Kids in

the 21st century are going to be exposed to sexually explicit images, and it's naive to think they won't be. The better way is to make sure kids are educated about healthy sex and are media-literate. Any other approach is doomed to failure."

It's like fast food. Kids are exposed to it all the time and McDonald's isn't going away anytime soon. As such, we need to teach kids proper nutrition and how to develop a healthy relationship with food.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit [joseyvogels.com](http://joseyvogels.com).

### Never too late to start exercising

**STUDY** People who put off regular exercise until they hit the age of 50 can still benefit from physical activity but it appears to take 10 years for the effects to kick in, Swedish researchers said recently.

A study of 2,205 Swedish men followed for more than 20 years from the age of 50 showed that exercise made no difference in premature death rates for at least a decade for those who waited until later in life to start physical activity.

"It has been shown that young people benefit from exercise but this is the first time we have been able to show that old people can also benefit from increasing their physical activity," Liisa Byberg, a researcher at Uppsala University in Sweden, said.

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Tim Allen and his wife of three years, Jane, welcomed a new daughter, Elizabeth, into the world over the weekend, according to Entertainment Tonight. This is the couple's first child. Allen has another daughter from a previous marriage. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

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## Adventures of Ryan Reynolds

Canadian actor trying different roles

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

**The fact that Ryan Reynolds has become a big star in Hollywood perhaps surprises nobody more than Ryan Reynolds.**

"I had no expectations, therefore I've had very little disappointment in my career," said the Canadian actor recently in Los Angeles.

"It has been an evolution to really appreciate — I wouldn't dare say perfect this craft because you nev-

er do that — but appreciate it to the point that I want to try as many different kinds of work as I can."

And that's just what Reynolds is doing. Having shaken off the media attention that comes with marrying a star like Scarlett Johansson or being named one of People Magazine's Sexiest Men, the down-to-earth 32-year-old is now focusing on the four films he has coming out this year.

First up is Adventureland (in theatres this Friday), the amusement park-

set comedy in which Reynolds plays a seasoned mechanic engaged in an extramarital affair with a much younger carnival worker.

"I like the thought that this guy has inserted himself into a situation where he can be the big fish in a small pond — and the worst kind of pond too. It's a bunch of kids working a summer job," said Reynolds, who admittedly plays a bit of a creep, but a charming creep nonetheless.

"There is something incredibly appealing about



Ryan Reynolds stars in Adventureland, one of the four films he has coming out this year.

playing a guy who lives a fantasy life — I know people like that," admitted Reynolds.

Soon after Adventureland, Reynolds will return to action in the highly-anticipated thriller, X-Men

Origins: Wolverine. While he's quick to appreciate landing a role in a guaranteed

blockbuster, Reynolds also realizes avoiding those huge films may be the secret to his unplanned success.

"Because I haven't had a Titanic or one of these movies that would thrust you into a spotlight that you'll never get out of, I've been lucky to do the kind of movies I want to do," he said.

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### critics'corner

#### Cupid

Executive producer Rob Thomas gives his charming 1998 flop a stylish reboot, with Bobby Cannavale stepping into the role of Trevor Pierce, a handsome eccentric who claims to be the god of love, dispatched to bring 100 romantic misfits together. Is it possible he really is Cupid? His therapist, Dr. Claire McCrae, is determined to find out. 11:02 PM on KJLY



#### Wild Roses

Nothing like a case of 20/20 hindsight. In this new episode, Kate wonders if she acted rashly in deciding to flee Rivercross with Peter. As Will pulls the plug on the Henrys' exploratory well, he gets a request from Rebecca to dig up some dirt on David. Kim Huffman also stars in "First and Last." 9 PM on CBRT

#### Testees

If you've seen the movie "Liar Liar," you can probably guess how this episode is going to turn out. Ron and Peter are testing a truth serum, which causes Peter to spill a secret about his past that could mean the end of the guys' friendship. But fear not; this is a comedy, after all. Joe Pingue and Kim Schraner also star in "Truth Serum." 10 PM on SHOW

## Madonna's adoption ruling Friday

**COURT** A Malawi court is expected to rule Friday whether U.S. pop singer Madonna can adopt a second infant from the country, a move a prominent local human rights activist said would amount to child trafficking. She appeared in court yesterday seeking to adopt a four-year-old girl, Mercy James. The case was adjourned until April 3. Critics had accused the government of giving one of the world's most successful singers special treatment when she adopted her Malawian son David Banda, saying it skirted laws that ban non-residents from adopting children. Malawi civil society groups say they plan to oppose Mercy's adoption.

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Actor Josh Hartnett was taken to the hospital early Monday morning after reportedly suffering from abdominal pains, TMZ says. The actor reportedly was at the Chateau Marmont hotel in West Hollywood when he began experiencing pain. **POPEATER.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

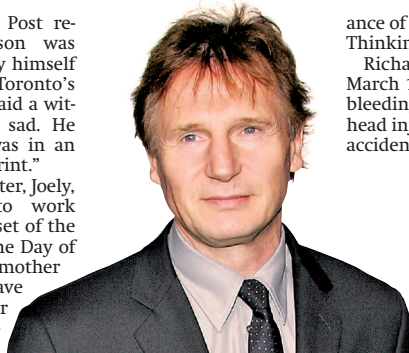
# Liam looked 'so sad': Witness

**PEOPLE** Liam Neeson — who is mourning the death of his beloved wife Natasha Richardson — has completed filming the Julianne Moore indie *Chloe*, which he was shooting when Richardson had her fatal skiing accident, *us-magazine.com* is reporting.

He returned to work last week in Toronto, a film rep tells *Us*, days after Richardson's March 22 funeral in upstate New York.

The *New York Post* reports that Neeson was spotting sitting by himself at the bar at Toronto's Hazelton Hotel. Said a witness, "It was so sad. He looked like he was in an Edward Hopper print."

Richardson's sister, Joely, also returned to work Thursday on the set of the BBC remake of *The Day of the Triffids*. But mother Vanessa Redgrave has postponed her April 27 perform-



ance of *The Year of Magical Thinking* in NYC.

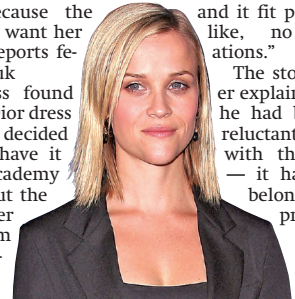
Richardson, 45, died March 18 of internal brain bleeding after suffering a head injury during a skiing accident in Canada.

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# Reese puts up fight for Oscar gown

**PEOPLE** Reese Witherspoon had to fight for the gown she wore to the Oscars in 2006 — because the owner didn't want her to wear it, reports *femalefirst.co.uk*.

The actress found the vintage Dior dress in Paris, and decided she had to have it for the Academy Awards — but the shop owner was far from accommodating.



She recalls, "My stylist said, 'Please let her try it on.' And I tried it on and it fit perfectly, like, no alterations."

The store owner explained why he had been so reluctant to part with the dress — it had once belonged to a princess.

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## Got \$9,500? Rent Vince's house

**PEOPLE** Vince Vaughn, star of *Wedding Crashers*, is set to rent out his Chicago home, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The four-bedroom townhouse is available to rent for \$9,500 US a month.

And the Old School star is even leaving furniture items in the home, including his king-size bed. The place even comes with Vaughn's home theatre, according to *people.com*.

Vaughn, who turns 39 on Saturday, bought the property in 2005 and has no plans to sell it. He lives nearby in Chicago's Palmolive Building.

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## Ricky's clubbing nightmare

**PEOPLE** Ricky Martin had trouble enjoying himself at Miami nightclub Mansion recently. The singer was continually accosted by an aggressive female fan, according to *Gatecrasher*.

"This girl kept going over and asking him to 'shake your bon bon!' and screaming in his face," an eyewitness says. "He snapped back, 'That's really not cool. Please don't embarrass me like this.'" Martin and his entourage eventually moved to the other side of the club to avoid her and continued to dance until 3 a.m.

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# Brangie adopting again?

**KIDS** In other adoption news, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are reportedly ready to welcome another child into their home, this time from India.

The *Sunday Express* reports that the couple decided on adopting from the nation after visiting the Priya Darshini Orphanage in 2006, but were too busy at the time.

"They filled out all the paperwork but had to put the adoption

on hold because of all their other commitments," a source tells the newspaper.

The *Sunday Express* also reports that when the couple was asked by 10-year-old *Slumdog Millionaire* star Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail why they hadn't adopted from India yet, Jolie told him, "Well, I'll let you into a little secret, we will soon."

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# Kate and Lily, drinking buds

**PEOPLE** Kate Moss beat Lily Allen in a drinking contest, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The 35-year-old supermodel challenged her friend to a cocktail making and drinking competition at the customized bar of her London home late last week, and was delighted to come out victorious.

A source said: "Kate and Lily each

made up various cocktails and had a competition to see how many they could drink." Moss was

crowned the winner at around 4 a.m. and is now looking forward to receiving a mystery prize

from the 23-year-old Fear singer.

The impromptu contest took place after Allen's concert in London, and the singer planned to take a portrait of the model by graffiti artist Banksy from Moss' lounge if she won.

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# Gisele's love triangle

**RELATIONSHIP** The birth of football star Tom Brady's son with ex-girlfriend Bridget Moynahan threw off Gisele Bündchen when she started dating him, *people.com* reports.

"In the beginning you're living this romantic fantasy; you're thinking, this can't be true, it's so good!" the supermodel, 28, tells *Vanity Fair*. "And then, whoops —

wake-up call!"

The pregnancy made her "question at times — 'Should I stay here? Maybe you should work this out,'" but she says in the end, it "was a blessing, because otherwise I don't think I would have known what he was made of, and he wouldn't have known what I was made of," she says.

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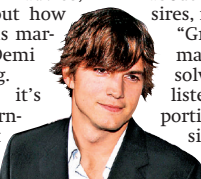
# Ashton, relationship coach

**PEOPLE** Ashton Kutcher is using Twitter to dispense relationship advice, writing about how he keeps his marriage to Demi Moore going.

"For me it's about relearning that supporting

my wife isn't about providing (money) and home, it's about supporting her desires, needs and emotions. "Greatest lesson in my marriage: Don't try to solve her problems, just listen, love and be supportive. This is the opposite of male nature."

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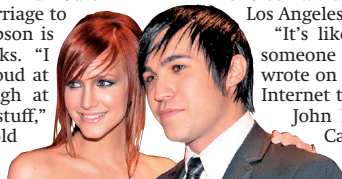
# Pete laughs off marriage rumours

**RUMOUR** Pete Wentz is laughing off rumours that his marriage to Ashlee Simpson is on the rocks. "I laugh out loud at them. I laugh at all of that stuff," he told *Hollyscoop*

at the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards in Los Angeles.

"It's like if someone wrote on the Internet that John McCain

was our president right now. It's just not true." After the reports surfaced last week that their relationship might be in trouble, Wentz and Simpson were sure to be spotted by photographers kissing passionately last Friday in Australia. **METRO WORLD NEWS**









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